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HELD AT

TRINITY CHURCH

Scotland Neck, N. C.,

November 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 1916.

PROCEEDINGS.

Scotland Neck, N. C., Nov. 21, 1916

The Annual meeting of the Convocation of Raleigh assembled in Trinity Church, Scotland Neck at 7:30 P. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop of the Diocese, The Rt. Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, D. D.

The Arch-Deacon of the Convocation, Rev. N. Collin Hughes, read his report which may be summarized as follows:

Sunday Services have been held at Selma, Sanford, St. John's, Ridgeway, Louisburg, Kittrell and for the prisoners at the State Farm. The few Sundays not included in these ministrations, have been given where there was the most prospect of doing good.

Two periods of ten days each have been given to soliciting funds for the proposed building at the State Farm, and there is now in bank \$3000.00 and a building committee has been appointed.

One Preaching Mission was conducted during Advent, and the following meetings attended during the year: State Social Service Conference, Raleigh; Laymen's Missionary Movement, Greensboro; National Congress Laymen's Missionary Movement, Washington, D. C.; National Congress American Prison Association, Buffalo, N. Y. The two last at his own expense.

Some of the Parishes and Missions have been re-grouped for the better support of the Rectors. Rev. Basil M. Walton has become assistant to Rev. Isaac W. Hughes. Rev. Mr. Baxter is serving Warrenton and Ridgeway. Scotland Neck, Halifax, Enfield and Missions have as Rector, Rev. Reuben Meridith. Rev. Norvin C. Duncan is in charge of Weldon and Jackson, and Rev. Francis Joyner has removed to take charge of Pittsboro and missions.

Quarterly District Conferences have been started at several different points in the Convocation.

Rev. Harry O. Nash has started several missions at places in touch with his Parish. Mr. S. L. Rotter and Prof. Wm. H. Brown have both rendered valuable missionary service. While there was report of several vacancies, the increased interest of both clergy and laity in the missionary work of the Convocation, with the larger support given to this work afforded real grounds for encouragement.

The oft recurring vacancies, is a serious handicap upon the missionary activities of the Arch-Deacon as it compels him to devote time to supplying vacancies that should be used in opening new work. The short terms of service of the clergy, especially the younger clergy, is responsible for many of these vacancies and it was suggested that a cure be sought for this evil.

The following were suggested as possible remedies: (1) Increasing realization of the fact that a call to a larger field is not always a justification for abandoning a work half done. (2) Adequate support of the clergy in their present fields.

Or, in other words, the clergy must learn to realize more deeply the sacredness of the obligation that binds them to their fields and at the same time the laity must learn more fully the sacredness of the obligation that binds them to the support of the Ministers of God.

For the best interests of the Missionary work the Arch-Deacon suggested the following:

(1.) Co-operation of the clergy to supply vacant Parishes and Missions.

(2.) More adequate equipment for the clergy, as automobiles, etc.

(3.) Increased use of lay workers.

(4.) Employment of an additional missionary

(5.) Organization of a Church Building Guild.

(6.) Extension of the Forward Movement to every Parish and Mission in the Convocation.

(7.) Prompt remittance to the Treasurer

(8.) Advent Sunday School offerings for Convocational Missions to be actively pushed as are the Lenten offerings for General Missions.

(9.) The clergy are urged to present Convocational Missions frequently and earnestly to their people.

After the reading of the Arch-Deacon's report strong Missionary addresses were made by Rev. Lewis N. Taylor and Rev. Bertram E. Brown.

A business session was held at the close of the service the Rev. Morrison Bethea was elected Secretary, and the Committee on Recommendations was appointed as follows: Rev. George W. Lay, D. C. L., Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Mr. Wm. E. Smith, Mr. N. Collin Hughes, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Lay the report of the Arch-Deacon was referred to the above Committee. Convocation adjourned.

Second Day, Wednesday Nov. 22nd.

Holy Communion was celebrated at half past seven and Morning Prayer was said at half past nine.

Convocation was called to order at 10:00 A. M. and the following list of delegates were present or entered during the session:

Clerical	Lay
Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Chesire. D. D.	Mr. Wm. L. Wall, Hillsboro
Rev. N. Collin Hughes, Arch-Deacon	Mr. Thomas W. Mullen, Treas. Roanoke Rapids
Rev. Morrison Bethea, Sec.	Mr. Wm. E. Smith, Scotland Neck
Rev. Norvin C. Duncan	Mr. N. Collin Hughes, Jr. Weldon
Rev. Edward W. Baxter	Mr. Isaac Smith, Scotland Neck
Rev. Geo. W. Lay, D. C. L.	Mr. Stewart H. Smith, Scotland Neck
Rev. Bertram E. Brown	Mr. Stirling N. Gary, Halifax
Rev. Reuben Meridith	
Rev. Lewis N. Taylor	
Rev. Harry O. Nash	
Rev. Cyprian P. Wilcox	
Rev. Basil M. Walton	
Rev. Frederic H. T. Horsefield	
Rev. Francis Joyner	
Rev. Milton A. Barber	

Mr. Wm. L. Wall read the report of the Treasurer of the Convocation, which is summarized as follows:

RECAPITULATION

Receipts

To Balance.....	\$ 181 51
To Parishes	1,515.53
To Offering taken at Convocation.....	9.00
To Special Offering.....	132.64
To Woman's Auxilliary.....	55.50
To Sunday School Advent Offering.....	47.80
Total.....	<u>\$1,941.98</u>

Disbursements

By Arch-deacon, Salary.....	\$ 550.00
By Arch-deacon, Expense.....	165.00
By Stipend to Missionaries.....	598.33
By Clergy Expenses to Convocation.....	31.96
By Emergency Fund.....	98.60
By Treasurer's Expenses	6.00

By Sexton.....	2.50
By Postage.....	3 61
By Printing, etc	2.55
By Balance	483.43
Total.....	<u>\$1,941.98</u>

Rev. N. Collin Hughes read the report of the Executive Committee of the Convocation as follows:

Report of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Raleigh, to the Convocation, 1916-1917, held at Scotland Neck, Nov. 21, 22 and 23, 1916.

The Committee can report regular and faithful attendance on its quarterly meetings since the report to the last Convocation, and interest in the work by all its members, never less than a quorum of whom attended, and often six out of the seven being present. The meetings have been held at the Episcopal residence, and at the first meeting after the Convocation of October, 1915, the Treasurer reported a balance of only \$61.30 when all apportionments were paid; hence it appears that the financial budget was closely estimated. However, beginning with this small apparent balance, the Committee gratefully acknowledges a generous support of the work by the several Parishes under the materially increased apportionments necessarily made to carry on the work, and at the end of the year less than half of the parishes in arrears of one quarter, and most of these parishes will undoubtedly pay up, which assures the Committee of financial support to enable them to report all stipends met at the end of the Convocational year and all stipends regularly paid for the first three quarters of the year, which will more fully appear from the Treasurer's report. Taking courage from this support the Committee made appropriations for the year beginning April 1, 1916, and ending March 31, 1917, aggregating \$3700.00. and apportionments on the several parishes of an aggregate of \$3215.00, leaving to be raised by Woman's Auxilliary, Sunday Schools, Advent offerings and special gifts only \$485 00, much less than has heretofore been the rule. Bringing the apportionments nearer to the appropriations was at the suggestion of the Convention and the Committee is gratified to report the success of the plan. With but few exceptions the parishes have responded cheerfully to the call. A table of appropriations and also of apportionments for the year ending March 31, 1917, is appended and asked to be considered part of this report.

The Committee at each meeting has received reports from the Treasurer of the state of the finances and from the

Arch-Deacon and special committees of the progress of the work, and has thus kept in close touch with the work in the various fields. As will appear from the Arch-deacon's report, a new plan of consolidation of weaker parishes and missions into groups has been adopted at the Arch-deacon's suggestion and at the last meeting of the Committee in Sept. last, only two vacancies in the mission field were reported and those the Arch-deacon hopes to fill soon—possibly has filled by the time this report shall have been submitted.

Ways and means were discussed for getting the delinquent parishes to pay up and special committees were recommended in each parish so delinquent.

At the meeting of March 15, 1916, a special committee was appointed to audit the books of the Treasurer and the Committee made the report that the books were clearly and accurately kept and commended the accounting there shown.

At the meeting of July 5, an innovation was unanimously adopted which promises good results, namely: that the Arch-deacon, with the Bishop's approval, if he so desires, may call a Conference of the Clergy at any point in the Convocation, at any time, and make draft on the Treasurer for the expense of entertaining the Conference.

And upon the whole, the Committee reports faithful and efficient services by the several missionaries whose work, though not so apparent perhaps to the casual observer, as the work in the larger parishes, nevertheless bears fruit and meets the Master's approval in many ways which we may not know. And in conclusion the Committee can gratefully report a healthy and growing missionary work in the Convocation with bright promises for the future.

THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA

THE CONVOCATION OF RALEIGH

THE VEN. N. COLLIN HUGHES, Archdeacon

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR

April 1st, 1916 to March 31st, 1917:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR

Arch-deacon's salary.....	\$1100.00
Arch-deacon's traveling expenses.....	300.00
Rev. Francis Joyner, mission work	300.00
Rev. F. H. T. Horsfield, mission work.....	100.00
Rev. Harry O. Nash, mission work	200.00
Rev. N. C. Duncan, mission work.....	200.00
Rev. A. S. Lawrence, mission work	50.00
Rev. Henry C. Smith, Mission work.....	250.00
Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, mission work	150.00
Elm City Mission Field, discretion of Bishop.....	100.00
Scotland Neck, Halifax and Enfield missions	300.00
Weldon and Jackson mission.....	150.00
Warrenton mission	250.00
Emergency Fund.	300.00
Total amount needed.	<u>\$3700.00</u>

APPORTIONMENTS FOR DIOCESAN MISSIONS

FOR THE YEAR, ENDING MARCH 31st. 1917,

Battleboro, St. John's	\$ 40.00
Chapel Hill, Chapel of the Cross.....	100.00
Durham, St. Philip's.....	240.00
Duke, St. Stephen's.....	40.00
Enfield, Church of the Advent	40.00
Gaston, St. Luke's.....	8.00
Gulf, St. Mark's	10.00
Halifax, St. Mark's	24.00
Henderson, Holy Innocent's.....	300.00
Hillsboro, St. Matthew's.....	75.00
Jackson, Church of the Savior.....	36.00
Kittrell, St. James.....	20.00
Littleton, St. Alban's.....	32.00
Louisburg, St. Paul's	50.00
Lawrence, Grace Memorial Church	8.00
Middleburg, Church of the Heavenly Rest ..	12.00
Oxford, St. Stephen's.....	75.00
Orange County, St. Mary.....	6.00
Pittsboro, St. Bartholomew's	75.00
Raleigh, Christ's Church.....	600.00
Raleigh, Church of the Good Shepherd	300.00
Raleigh, St. Mary's Chapel	15.00
Ridgeway, Good Shepherd	24.00
Ringwood, St. Clement's.....	5.00
Roanoke Rapids, All Saints Chapel	20.00

Rocky Mount, Good Shepherd.....	160.00
Sandford, St. Thomas.....	12.00
Scotland Neck, Trinity.....	80.00
Smithfield, St. Paul's.....	16 00
Southern Pines, Emmanuel.....	48.00
Speed, St. Mary's.....	12.00
Stovall, St. Peter's.....	12.00
Tarboro, Calvary.....	300.00
Townsville and Williamsboro.....	30 00
Warrenton, Emmanuel.....	40.00
Weldon, Grace.....	80.00
Wilson, St. Timothy's.....	80.00
Arch-deacon's collections.....	200.00
	<u>\$3215.00</u>

Other sources to make up balance of amount needed,
 Sunday School, Advent offering, Woman's Auxiliary and
 special gifts.

Estimated income for the year as above stated ----	\$3215.00
Leaving to be made up by Sunday School, Advent	
Offerings, Woman's Auxiliary and special gifts----	485.00
	<u>\$3700.00</u>

By resolution duly passed at the October 1915 Convoca-
 tion, it was requested that the apportionments be paid quarter-
 ly between the 1st. and 10th. of June, September, Decem-
 ber and March.

Remittances should be made to Mr. Wm. L. Wall,
 Treasurer, Hillsboro, N. C.

Rev. George W. Lay moved that the Convocation re-
 quest the Convention of the Diocese to have printed in the
 Journal all available Tables of Apportionments. The motion
 was adopted.

Reports from the various Parishes and Missions were
 made by the ministers or other representatives present.

At 12 noon Prayers for Missions were offered by the
 Bishop.

The Rev. Walter J. Smith then spoke on the work of
 the Thompson Orphanage and Rev. Dr. Lay on St. Mary's
 School.

Rev. Milton A. Barber made a very interesting report
 of the work of the Forward Movement Committee.

Rev. Milton A. Barber, Rev. Norvin C. Duncan and
 Mr. Wm. L. Wall were appointed as a Committee on Nomin-
 ations. Convocation adjourned.

Convocation was called to order at 3:00 P. M. and the
 Nominating Committee reported as follows:

For Secretary, Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin, for Treasurer, Mr. Wm. L. Wall. For Executive Committee: Rev. Sidney S. Bost, Mr. Boyd Kimball, Mr. Jos. B. Cheshire, Jr.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Iay, "The Executive Committee was authorized and directed to make all the reports to the Convention required in Canon IX section IV."

On motion of Rev. Milton A. Barber, "The Executive Committee of the Convocation was requested to urge the Annual Every Member Canvas in all Parishes and Missions in the convocation." And that, "The Executive Committee co-operate in every way possible with the clergy in carrying this request into effect.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows: (These reports were on separate pieces of paper and the order of their introduction has been lost, but the following were adopted.)

(1.) That Rectors of Parishes be urged, with the assistance of their laymen and laywomen to open up missionary work in outlying districts.

(2.) That each clergyman in the Convocation be requested to hold a mission during the year; either in his own or some other Parish or Mission.

(3.) That each congregation now receiving missionary aid be urged to become self supporting as soon as possible.

(4.) That it be the immediate aim and purpose of the Diocese to send to General Missions as much as we receive from them.

(5.) That all the clergy be urged to send in frequently to the Carolina Churchman brief, concise, and carefully edited accounts of their work.

(6.) That the clergy and laity should emphasize the duty of evangelizing those not now connected with any religious body.

(8.) That in general we should show our people the concrete monetary needs with details of places, people and conditions rather than simply ask for certain sums of money.

(9.) That the work of the clergy should be made more efficient by giving them more salary and better equipment for their work, as automobiles, typewriters, stenographers, etc

(10.) That the Executive Committee send to each congregation at least by Dec. 1st, a statement of its apportionment with a request that the congregation express its willingness or unwillingness to accept the same.

(11.) That greater use be made of the laity to conduct services and separate Sunday Schools and that young men be especially encouraged to do this work.

(12) That a Committee of three laymen be appointed to secure in conjunction with the Executive Committee, the services of one or more competent laymen who will go among the different Parishes and Mission fields and arouse as far as possible among the members of "This Church", the men in particular, a broader spirit of contributing in a larger degree to the whole financial needs of the Church. And that this committee be authorized to devise ways and means to defray the expense of the prosecution of this movement.

The chair appointed this committee as follows:

Mr. N. Collin Hughes, Jr., Mr. Thomas W. Mullen, Mr. B. K. Lassiter.

Rev. N. Collin Hughes offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Convocation be instructed to have printed all resolutions that involve requests or instructions to the clergy and send a copy of same to every clergyman in the Convocation, accompanied by such comment as he may think fit.

Convocation adjourned.

8:00 P. M.

The Apostolic Rite of Confirmation was administered by the Bishop after which Mr Samuel S. Nash spoke on "Evangelization by the Laity" and Rev. George W. Lay on "More Efficient Clergymen."

Third Day

Holy Communion was celebrated at seven-thirty and Morning Prayer was said at nine thirty in the morning.

The Convocation was called to order by the Arch-Deacon and the minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

On motion of the Bishop, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the suggestion that the Advent Sunday School offerings for Diocesan Missions be presented at the Epiphany Celebration and that this committee report to the Arch-Deacon.

That the Arch-Deacon be instructed to convey what ever report this committee shall make, to every clergymen in the Diocese.

This committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. Isaac W. Hughes, Rev. Sidney S. Bost, Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence.

Officers for the ensuing Convocation year were elected as follows:

Mr. Wm. L. Wall, Treasurer; Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin,

Secretary. Rev. Sidney S. Bost, Mr. Boyd B. Kimball, Mr. Joseph B. Cheshire Jr., Executive Committee.

On motion the Executive Committee was empowered to fill any vacancy that might occur in its membership.

On motion it was resolved that the Secretary pro tem, with the assistance of the Arch-Deacon, should prepare a condensed summary of the proceedings and have them printed and distributed among the Parishes and Missions of the Convocation. And that the Treasurer, upon the requisition of the Arch-Deacon, be authorized to pay the cost of same.

On motion of Rev. Milton A. Barber it was "Resolved, that a committee of two clergymen and one laymen be appointed to consider ways and means for improving the Carolina Churchman and increasing its circulation.

That this committee report to the next Diocesan Convention.

That the Arch-deacon be instructed to communicate to the Arch-deacon of the Convocation of Charlotte the foregoing action and request him to appoint a similar committee."

The committee, called for above, was appointed as follows: Rev. Morrison Bethea, Rev. Milton A. Barber, Mr. Frank P. Haywood.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Convocation that another missionary is needed in the Convocation.

2. That the Executive Committee be requested to confer with the Rectors of the larger Parishes and with individual members of the Church, to see if \$500.00 can be raised for this purpose, over and above the present apportionment.

On motion of Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, it was

Resolved, that the Convocation express its interest in the Church's efforts along the lines of Social Service and urge greater activity upon the part of clergy and people.

After a resolution expressing "The thanks of the Convocation for the generous hospitality of the people of Trinity Church and asking God's blessings upon its life and activities; The singing of the Gloria in Excelsis and the pronouncing of the Blessing, Convocation adjourned.

Attest:

MORRISON BETHEA, Sec.

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